



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9, San Francisco, California

April 2008

# Tribal Program Newsletter

## Meetings and Conferences

### Sponsor: National Tribal Environmental Council

Apr 15-18	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Tribal Environmental Council Meeting	Santa Fe, NM	Call 505-242-2175 ext, 107 or go to <a href="http://www.ntec.org">www.ntec.org</a>
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### Sponsors: Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office and Ft. Mohave Indian Tribe

Apr 22	Building New Traditions Using Traditional Concepts for a Sustainable Building Workshop	Fort Mohave, AZ	Call Debby Tewa, 602-771-1241 or email <a href="mailto:deborah@azcommerce.com">deborah@azcommerce.com</a> , or Gloria Castro, 601-771-11423 <a href="mailto:gloriac@azcommerce.com">gloriac@azcommerce.com</a> ,
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### Sponsor: U.S. EPA

Apr 22-24	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Tina Williams, 415-972-3784 or <a href="mailto:williams.tina@epa.gov">williams.tina@epa.gov</a>
 Jun 12	Tribal Workshop on Stormwater Compliance	San Francisco, CA	Ann Murphy, 415-772-3640 or <a href="mailto:Murphy.ann@epa.gov">Murphy.ann@epa.gov</a>



### Sponsor: Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)

Apr 29-May 1	2008 Exchange Network National Meeting	Nashville, TN	Contact Pat Eklund, 415-972-3738 or go to <a href="http://www.exchangenetwork.net/2008Meeting/">http://www.exchangenetwork.net/2008Meeting/</a>
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### Sponsors: Campo Kumeyaay Nation and the Campo EPA

May 2	GREEN POWER Environmental Fair	Campo, CA	Lisa Gover, 619-478-9046 or email <a href="mailto:lgover@campo-nsn.gov">lgover@campo-nsn.gov</a>
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### Sponsor: EPA, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Western States Regional Grantees, State CLPPPs, HUD & Partners

Jun 9-11	Transitioning from Lead Poisoning Elimination to Healthy Homes	Las Vegas, NV	Barbara Hairston, (323) 869-7064 <a href="mailto:bhairston@ph.lacounty.gov">bhairston@ph.lacounty.gov</a>
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EPA, CDC and HUD welcome tribal government officials to serve as session speakers and/or panel members to address childhood lead poisoning in Indian Country, with a focus on efforts by Tribes to identify and reduce childhood lead poisoning among tribal members. Region 9 folks should call David Tomsovic 415-972-3858 or email [tomsovic.david@epa.gov](mailto:tomsovic.david@epa.gov). For reservations call 800-635-7711, Code: SGNVEHA to reserve you hotel room.

**Sponsor: EPA****Co-hosts: The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)**

Jun 3-5	Air Quality	Las Vegas, NV	Sharlene Brown, 928-523-5504/email <a href="mailto:Sharlene.Brown@nau.edu">Sharlene.Brown@nau.edu</a>
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A limited number of travel scholarships are available for tribes. ITEP will cover hotel and per diem costs for tribal participants on a limited basis. Applicants can submit requests for stipends to cover transportation costs (airfare and/or mileage reimbursement), however funds are limited and requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis. The deadline to request travel scholarship support is Apr. 11, 2008. Registration deadline: Apr. 25, 2008:

**Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency**

Jun 16-20	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	<a href="http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference.html">www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference.html</a> or call Michelle Silver, 928-871-7759
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**Sponsors: National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders and U.S.**

Jun 24-27	8 <sup>th</sup> National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Nurturing Mother Earth	Billings, MT	Allyson Kelley at 406 252-2550 or go to: <a href="http://www.ntcem8.org/">http://www.ntcem8.org/</a>
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**Sponsor: Indigenous Environment Network (IEN)**

Jul 17-20	Protecting Mother Earth's Call for Healing—Reaffirming Our Roots	Lee, NV	IEN 218-751-4967, <a href="mailto:ien@igc.org">ien@igc.org</a>
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**Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE) Tribal Energy Program**

May 12-15	Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency for Tribal Community and Project Development	Rapid City, SD	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm">www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm</a>
Jul 21-24	Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency for Tribal Community and Project Development	Albuquerque, NM	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm">www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm</a>

**Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Apr 15-16	Greener Homes	Portsmouth, NH	Rebecca Smith, 315-218-6261, <a href="mailto:rsmith@firstpic.org">rsmith@firstpic.org</a>
May 5-6	Greener Homes	Anchorage, AK	Same as above

**Sponsors: National Wildlife Federation's Tribal Lands Conservation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Tribal Environmental Council, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy, and Native Energy**

Apr 28-29	Tribal Energy Solutions to Climate Change	Billings, MT	Garrit Voggesser 303-441-5161, <a href="mailto:voggesser@nwf.org">voggesser@nwf.org</a>
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## Trainings and Workshops



### U. S. EPA, Region 9

Apr 24	WQX-STORET Those interested in attending are encouraged to bring laptops	San Francisco, CA (part of RTOC)	Audrey Johnson, 415-972-3431; email <a href="mailto:Johnson.audry@epa.gov">Johnson.audry@epa.gov</a> or Eric Wilson, 415-972-3454 <a href="mailto:wilson.eric@epa.gov">wilson.eric@epa.gov</a>
May 22-23	Advanced UST Inspector Workshop	Las Vegas, NV	Contact Mary Keil, 415-972-3365 <a href="mailto:keil.mary@epa.gov">keil.mary@epa.gov</a>

### Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

Apr 28-May 2	The Remediation Course	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="mailto:info@Princeton-Groundwater.com">info@Princeton-Groundwater.com</a> or call (813) 964-0800
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### Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Apr 7-11 and May 5-9	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See below
Apr 9-11 May 7-9	The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below
Apr 14-15 and May 1-13	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below
Apr 7-8 and May 5-6	Ground-Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com).

### Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)

Apr 22-25	Tribal Basic Inspector Training	Denver, CO	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or go to <a href="http://www.nau.edu/itep/">http://www.nau.edu/itep/</a>
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ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, or visit: [\\*\\*http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp)

### Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Aug. 6-7	NEPA: Writing the perfect EA/FONSI or Environmental Impact Statement	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org">www.nwetc.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:krobson@nwetc.org">krobson@nwetc.org</a> or call 206-762-1976
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Note: GAP funds cannot pay for someone to write an EA or EIS.

### Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs

Apr. 15-16	Home energy efficiency	Portsmouth, NH	**see below
May 5-6	Home energy efficiency	Anchorage, AK	**see below

These 2-day informational workshops focus on homes energy efficiency and comfort, as well as indoor air quality, renewable energy resources, and mold and moisture prevention. The workshops also feature hands-on demonstrations of energy efficiency products. Registration is free. Register and receive logistical information for trainings online at [www.firstpic.org](http://www.firstpic.org). For more information contact Rebecca Smith, Conference Coordinator, 315-218-6261 or email at [rsmith@firstpic.org](mailto:rsmith@firstpic.org).

### **Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov).

#### **Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

Apr 14-18	Water Treatment – Level Two	Window Rock, AZ	Contact: 602-258-4825 or <a href="http://www.itcaonline.com/tws/">www.itcaonline.com/tws/</a>
Apr 15-18	Waster Collection and Small Wastewater Treatment Lagoon – Level One	Window Rock, AZ	Same as above
Apr 24-25	ITCA/ADEQ Operator Certification Drinking Water Workshop	Winslow, AZ	Same as above

ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

### **Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



#### **Tribal Travel Fund**

Travel reimbursement for unexpected travel is available through the tribal travel fund. Submissions can be emailed to [Tribal\\_travel@epa.gov](mailto:Tribal_travel@epa.gov) or faxed to 415-947-3562. If a handwritten signature is needed, indicate on the fax form or by email and EPA will provide a signed copy via fax. If you have any questions regarding travel reimbursement, please contact Erica Yelensky at 415-972-3021 or your GAP Project Officer.



#### **Tribal Education Outreach**

EPA requests proposals for Tribal Educational Outreach on Lead Poisoning and Baseline Assessment of Tribal Children's Existing and Potential Exposure and Risks Associated with Lead. This initiative supports educational outreach, data gathering, inspections, risk assessments, training, and development of new and innovative approaches to identifying or reducing lead poisoning. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are

anticipated. Responses are due April 21. For more information, contact Darlene Watford at [watford.darlene@epa.gov](mailto:watford.darlene@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=40945> .



### **Pollution Prevention Grant Program**

The Pollution Prevention Grant Program supports state and tribal technical assistance programs which help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. EPA anticipates it will award approximately \$4.1 million in total program funding during FY 2008. Grants will be awarded and managed by each of EPA's ten Regional Pollution Prevention Program Offices. The deadline for proposals is Wednesday, April 16, 2008. For more information, visit our website <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/ppis/2008rfpp2grant.htm> .



### **FIFRA Tribal Circuit Rider: FY 09 Request for Proposals**

EPA Region 9's Pesticide Office will be soliciting proposals from Federally-recognized tribes who want to work in partnership with at least one other tribe to develop and implement a pesticide program. Participating tribes should develop a proposal that designates a lead tribe and includes a plan to hire, train and manage a Tribal Pesticide Circuit Rider. Work is expected to begin on October 1. The project period for this award is two to three years. Funding levels may vary from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$200,000. EPA expects that the full RFP will be posted early April 2008 on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html> . For more information call Lawrence Torres at 415-947-4211 or email [torres.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:torres.lawrence@epa.gov).



### **Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside**

Solicitation for FY 09 funding will be issued April 1, with project proposals due June 1. For more information, contact Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445.

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)**

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR

Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at [meer.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:meer.daniel@epa.gov) .

## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### **Tribal Colleges – AG Alternative Energy and Sustainability**

USDA requests proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program. Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline of the food and agricultural sciences. Examples include, but are not limited to: Research on alternative energy sources, biotechnology, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry and waste management. \$1 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$150K. For more information, contact Salei'a Afele-Fa'amuli at [sfaamuli@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:sfaamuli@csrees.usda.gov) or go to: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal\\_equity.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_equity.html)

### **Tribal Colleges – AG Efficiency and Bioenergy**

USDA requests capacity building proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Extension Program. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Projects that increase knowledge of bioenergy and biomass conversion assist farmers and ranchers to increase efficiency of agricultural production systems, and/or improve management of forest and rangelands, including land, air and water. \$945K expected to be available, no max or minimum funding specified. For more information, contact Joan Gill at [serdegrants@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:serdegrants@csrees.usda.gov) or go to: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal\\_extension.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_extension.html)

## U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities**

These grants provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations. [http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding\\_details.php?funding\\_id=409](http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=409). Application deadline is May 5.

### **Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) Grants**

Grants are provided to develop opportunities for conducting research and research training to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

[http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding\\_details.php?funding\\_id=394](http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=394)

Letter of Intent (Optional) is due March 15 and application deadline is on May 16.

## Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:



### **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA)**

The SGIA program is an annual, competitive solicitation open to state, local, regional, and tribal governments (and non-profits that have partnered with a governmental entity) that want to incorporate smart growth techniques into their future development. Once selected, communities receive direct technical assistance from a team of national experts in one of two areas: policy analysis (e.g., reviewing state and local codes, school siting guidelines, transportation policies, etc.) or public participatory processes (e.g., visioning, design workshops, alternative analysis, build-out analysis, etc.). The assistance is tailored to the community's unique situation and priorities. EPA provides the assistance through a contractor team — not a grant. Through a multiple-day site visit and a detailed final report, the multi-disciplinary teams provide information to help the community achieve its goal of encouraging growth that fosters economic progress and environmental protection. The 2008 Request for Applications for Smart Growth Implementation Assistance is now open. It will close on May 8, 2008. Information on the Program, and the application, can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>





### **Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF)**

The FY 2009 AWPf Commission grant cycle provides funding for projects that directly maintain, enhance and restore river and riparian resources; implement innovative river and riparian research; and implement water conservation measures or programs outside of the 5 Active Management Areas. There will be approximately \$4 million for grant awards. The Commission will be accepting applications under all funding categories (capital, research and water conservation). The FY 2009 Grant Application Manual is located on the AWPf site at [www.awpf.state.az.us](http://www.awpf.state.az.us) or a copy may be mailed to you by calling you Michelle Moreno at 602-71-8528. Grant applications will be due no later than June 11, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. The Commission will make grant award selections on October 20, 2008.

### **Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA)**

Applications are currently being accepted for pre-design and design projects that prepare communities for construction in circumstances where resources are otherwise limited or lacking. The Technical Assistance (TA) Grant on-line applications for sewer and drinking water projects are now available by going to [www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov). Deadline for submission of FY 2009 TA Grant on-line application is Friday, May 2, 2008. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laurie Tsosie, 602-364-1321 or email [ltosie@azwifa.gov](mailto:ltosie@azwifa.gov) or Jon Bernreuter, 602-364-1326 or email [jbernreuter@azwifa.gov](mailto:jbernreuter@azwifa.gov).

### **Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)**

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines are available on the WCB's web page. [http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral\\_project.asp](http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp)

### **California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation**

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>, or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or [wverrill@water.ca.gov](mailto:wverrill@water.ca.gov).

### **Social Entrepreneurship Funding Opportunity**

The Skoll Foundation requests proposals for Social Entrepreneurship Awards to people whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time in the areas of environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, peace and security. These awards provide later-stage funding, which is generally structured as a \$1 million award paid out over three years. In most cases, the grant is provided for core support to help organizations expand their programs and capacity to deliver long-term, sustainable equilibrium change. Applications are received year round. For more information, go to: <http://www.skollfoundation.org>.

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per

year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

### **Economic Development**

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=13169&mode=VIEW>.

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to [www.nndpm.navajo.org](http://www.nndpm.navajo.org) or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel



Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at [charlenenelson@navajo.org](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).



**Environmental Planner, Stewarts Point Rancheria**

Applications are being accepted immediately for a full time position for the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians. Applicant must have a minimum of one year college education and one year experience in environmental sciences, engineering, environmental studies, or related. For more information, contact Tribal Administrator, Lynne Rosselli, Stewarts Point Rancheria, 3535 Industrial Drive, Suite B-2, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, 707-591-0580 ext. 103, or e-mail [lynne@stewartspointrancheria.com](mailto:lynne@stewartspointrancheria.com). Closing date 5pm, April 9, 2008. Native American preference.



**Environmental Director, Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley**

Director will implement and coordinate a variety of environmental programs, while keeping the tribe in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and protecting tribal water resources and environmental interests. Also, write grant proposals for additional programs and funds and conduct community outreach. For job description and application contact Big Pine Tribal Office, P.O. Box 700, Big Pine, CA 93513; Telephone: 760-938-2003; FAX 760-938-2942; e-mail: [bpptadminasst@earthlink.net](mailto:bpptadminasst@earthlink.net). TERO Ordinance and Indian Preference will apply to qualified Native American applicants, Title 25, U.S. Code 472 & 473, deadline, Friday, April 25, 2008



**Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe**

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto [www.yuroktribe.org](http://www.yuroktribe.org) or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

**Environmental Director, Yerington Paiute Tribe**

Director will supervise the activities of the Tribal environmental program and is responsible for the planning and implementation of specific EPA programs. Conducts research, data collection, and community education in relation to specific environmental issues that effect the Reservation. Identifies work projects and develops tasks and objectives to meet Tribal environmental goals. Facilitates public meetings and reports to Tribal Council on environmental concerns of the community. For more information, contact Katie Emm at 775-463-3301 or 775-8983-3895, or e-mail [admin@ypt-nsn.gov](mailto:admin@ypt-nsn.gov).

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator for San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

Under the direction of the Environmental Protection Manager, the GIS Coordinator is responsible for all aspects of GIS of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The GIS Coordinator will maintain all maps, personnel and geo-databases, and Global Positioning System (GPS) systems. The GIS Coordinator will also support other Tribal departmental GIS needs. For more information, contact Becky J. Ross, Environmental Manager, 909-425-3590, x 4320, [bröss@sanmanuel-nsn.gov](mailto:bröss@sanmanuel-nsn.gov), or Marylou Williams, 909-425-4800 ext. 4418, [Mwilliams@sanmanuel.com](mailto:Mwilliams@sanmanuel.com)

**Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation**

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

### **Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians**

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

## **Miscellaneous Items of Interest**



### **Digital Television Transition and Potential Impacts to Tribal Governments**

After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital, as required by the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005. Subscribers to TV services (e.g., cable or satellite) or televisions with a digital tuner will not be affected by the transition. EPA is encouraging consumers that receive over the air broadcasts, either through "rabbit ears" on their sets or a roof antenna, on analog TV sets to extend the life of their TV by purchasing a digital converter box. Many entities, including tribal governments, may experience higher rates of disposal and/or dumping of old televisions and related e-waste during this time. Tribal governments can address this transition by providing e-waste recycling programs and by providing outreach to their communities to encourage reuse through the purchase of a digital converter box. For consumers that choose to buy a new digital TV, EPA recommends energy efficient sets with the ENERGY STAR label. For information on where to recycle unwanted TVs, where to find energy efficient TVs, and additional resources such as the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, visit our Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/tv-convert.htm>. To talk with a member of the Tribal Solid Waste Team to discuss e-waste collection program development and outreach options, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/index.html#contact> to identify your liaison.



### **Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed**

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority\\_scholarships.pdf](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf) or [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career\\_funding.asp](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp) so that money will not go to waste.



### **Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities**

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, (202) 564-4355 / [milbourn.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:milbourn.cathy@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>



### **2008 National President's Challenge**

The National President's Challenge is an opportunity to get American up and moving. Everyone aged 6 and older is encouraged to participate by being active five days a week for six out of eight weeks and log your activity at [www.presidentschallenge.org](http://www.presidentschallenge.org)



### **The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

The Barron Prize honors young people (ages 8-18) who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. For more information, go to: <http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/4114788>. Nomination deadline: April 30, 2008



### **Methamphetamine labs.**

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html> The following are frequently asked questions regarding the methamphetamine labs:

Q: Who should I contact if I find a methamphetamine lab?

- A:
1. Tribal police, fire department and/or Tribal Environmental Department
  2. Local Sheriff's Department and/or Fire Department,
  3. National Response Center (NRC) 24-Hour Emergency (800) 424-8802 or (202)267-2675


Q: Is there EPA funding available for methamphetamine lab cleanup?

A: Yes. There are a few federal sources.

1. EPA Local Government Reimbursement (LGR) program offers up to \$25,000 per incident for costs that local governments incur in performing temporary emergency response measures. For more information and to obtain an application call the LGR Helpline at 1-800-431-9209 or go to <http://epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/> or call (415)-744-2224, the Region IX Emergency Response Office.
2. The EPA Brownfields Program offers a variety of grants that can be used towards addressing clandestine drug labs including building emergency response programs. For more information contact: Glenn Kistner or go to [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/methlab\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/methlab_brochure.pdf)  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>

Q: Is safety training available to deal with clandestine laboratories?

A: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

3. The DEA Basic Clandestine Laboratory Certification School is the most widely recognized law enforcement-sponsored clandestine laboratory training course meeting OSHA standards. It is available for DEA Special Agents and state and local officers throughout the United States and abroad. The DEA Clandestine Laboratory Training Unit also conducts an Advanced Site Safety Officer School for DEA and state and local officers. This school is designed to certify attendees as Clandestine Laboratory Site Safety Officers, an OSHA requirement for every clandestine laboratory site. Advanced assessment and investigative techniques are taught at this school) <http://www.dea.gov/programs/training/part17.html>
4. DEA maintains lists of controlled substances and  [precursor chemicals](#). For Brownfields site cleanup and assessment, the questions are "What groups of chemicals might be encountered at a clandestine laboratory site?" "How much might be present?" "What are the environmentally relevant properties of these chemicals?" Additional chemical properties for the on-line calculator web site and a guide are being developed for these brownfields sites.  
<http://www.epa.gov/athens/research/regsupport/brownfields.html>

### **Working Effectively with Tribal Governments (WETG)**

The American Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announces the availability of an online training course for federal employees called, "Working Effectively with Tribal Governments." For a limited time, this course will

be available to the public free of charge. While this one-hour training is geared towards federal employees, all preservation partners are encouraged to take the training to better understand the relationship federal agencies have to Indian tribes and the legal requirements that might impact the Section 106 review process. This course will be available to the public until April 30, 2008, at [www.GoLearn.gov](http://www.GoLearn.gov). Once at the GoLearn web site, click on the small thumbnail to go to the tribal training. For more information about this training, go to <http://www.achp.gov>

### **Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

A new website is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov). The website can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

### **Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians**

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at [www.doi.gov/ost](http://www.doi.gov/ost) and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders". The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or letters may be sent to:

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

Attn: Address Change

4400 Masthead Street, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

### **Article and film regarding the Western Shoshone and Carrie Dann**

This film has been awarded the Best Documentary award at the 32nd Annual American Indian Film Festival. Check it out at: <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/dec2007/2007-12-06-01.asp> and 25 minutes of the film is accessible on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffYNzUDR-6k>

### **The Region 9 Pesticides Office seeks input on proposed Funding Criteria**

Region 9's Pesticides Office is reexamining the approach used to select tribal programs for funding and the amount of funds each tribal program receives. Our goal continues to be to provide the widest possible coverage in Indian country, ensuring that the tribes with the greatest potential for exposure to pesticide risks have pesticide program coverage. EPA currently provides ongoing pesticide program funding to fourteen tribes and one tribal consortium in Region 9. As additional tribes express interest in pesticide funding, resource allocation decisions are becoming more critical. The Region 9 Pesticide Office is proposing the establishment of criteria against which we can prioritize requests for continuing cooperative agreements. The proposed criteria are:

Population - Number of residents (tribal members and others) living within reservation boundaries;

Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries; and

Agricultural Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries that produce an agricultural crop.

We will also consider special issues such as continuity of programs, weed control, structural applications, and performance under the grant. If you want more information or wish to provide comments on this effort, contact Pam Cooper at (415) 947-4217 or via e-mail at [cooper.pam@epa.gov](mailto:cooper.pam@epa.gov).

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your

environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

#### **Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)**

OAQPS has released two documents for review and comment concerning Indian tribes. The first document, entitled Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments, is OAQPS' guidance to its staff on how they should determine if EPA actions have potential effects or impacts on tribes, and how the Agency should conduct outreach and collaboration while not ignoring its responsibility to fully consult with such tribes. It is important to note that this guidance is subject to change or could be preempted by a forthcoming Agency-wide consultation policy currently under development. The second document, entitled The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Tribal Program Plan 2008-2013, outlines OAQPS' tribal priorities and its plans for addressing these priorities. The priorities are intended to be carried out in concert with the Office of Air and Radiation Strategy. Comments may be submitted directly to Yvonne Johnson at [johnson.yvonne@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.yvonne@epa.gov). To view these documents, click or paste on the browser the following address.

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/pdfs/Tribal%20Guidance%20and%20Policy%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

#### **Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers**

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>

#### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

#### **Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet**

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

#### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

#### **America's Children and the Environment Web Site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will



help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

### **Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov)

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

## **Department of Agricultural (USDA)**

### **USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program**

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=259>

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## **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**



<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>  
<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

Tribal model environmental codes developed by NIJC with a grant from EPA:

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>



<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>  
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>